on Patent Laws at New Delhi on the 22nd November, 1988. The Seminar resolved that the Indian Patents Act, 1970, in its scope and purpose, continues to represent Indian interest and requires no amendments.

(b) There is no proposal to amend the Indian Patents Act, 1970.

Modernisation of Rescue Stations at Coal Mines

630. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) has drawn up a programme to modernise its rescue stations at different mines;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what amount is likely to be spent thereon; and

(c) by when the modernisation programme of rescue stations at all the coal mines is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C.K. JAFFAR SHARIEF): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A programme for modernisation of the existing Rescue Station at Ramgarh and setting up of new Rescue Rooms at Kathara, Churi and Hutar, with adequate modern equipments, has been taken up. The modernisation programme entails an estimated expenditure of Rs. 690 lakhs and is expected to be completed by the end of the year 1991-92.

Thermal Power Plant at Hospet in Karnataka

631. SHRI D.B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have since cleared the proposal for the establishment of a thermal power plant at Hospet in Bellary district of Karnataka; and

(b) if so, by when work on this project is likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) No proposal in regard to the setting up of a thermal power plant at Hospet in Karnataka has been received in the Central Electricity Authority from the State Authorities.

(b) Does not arise in view of answer to (a) above.

Ramagundam Super Thermal Power Plant

632. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :

SHRI T. R. BALU:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the likely optimum capacity of Ramagundam Super Thermal Power Plant when all its units become operational ;

(b) how many units of the Plant are at present generating power and also the total power generated so far;

(c) whether the work on the remaining units of the Plant is ahead of schedule ; if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) what is the total investment involved and the amount spent so far; and

(e) by when all the units are likely to be ready for power generation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI) : (a) The approved ultimate

capacity of the Ramagundam Super Thermal Power Project is 2100 MW comprising three units of 200 MW each and three units of 500 MW each.

(b) Three units of 200 MW each and one unit of 500 MW are presently under commercial operation. Till June, 1989, a total of 20270 million units have been generated at the project.

(c) Unit-V of 500 MW was synchronised (in March, 1989) four months ahead of schedule. The works on the Unit-VI of 500 MW are also progressing ahead of schedule and the unit is expected to be synchronised during 1990-91.

(d) The latest estimated cost of the project (alongwith the associated tansmission system) is Rs. 1985.12 crores. An expenditure of Rs. 1776.67 crores has been incurred upto June, 1989.

(e) The project is expected to be fully operational by 1990-91.

Schemes for additional Power generation for Delhi and NCR

633. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Thermal Power Corporation has undertaken a number of schemes to provide Delhi and the National Capital Region (NCR) with additional power during the next few years;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) to what extent it will meet the necessary power requirement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) are setting up the National Capital Thermal Power Project (840 MW) and the Dadri Gas Based Combined Cycle Power Project (817 MW) in the Ghaziabad district of Uttar Pradesh to meet the power requirements of Delhi and National Capital Region.

(c) With the commissioning of these projects, an additional capacity of 1657 MW would become available during the Eighth Plan period which will substantially improve the availability of power to Delhi and the National Capital Region.

दिल्ली में बिजली के कनेक्शनों का दुरुपयोग

634. **श्री हरवंश सिंह हँसपाल** : क्या ऊर्जा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या दिल्ली विद्युत प्रदाय संस्थान ने बिजली के कनेक्शनों का दुरुपयोग करने वाले या अनधिकृत रूप से बिजली के मोटरों को स्थानान्तरित करने वाले उपभोक्ताओं को बिजली की सप्लाई को काटने के संबंध में कोई योजना तैयार की है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो ऐसे उपभोक्ताओं का ब्यौरा क्या है जो दिल्ली में बिजली के कनेक्शनों का दुरुपयोग करते हुए पाए गए हैं; और

(ग) इन आरोपों के लिए दोषी पाए गए उपभोक्ताओं के विरुद्ध क्या कार्यवाही की गई है या किये जाने का विचार है ?

ऊर्जा मंत्रालय में विद्युत विभाग में राज्यमंत्री (श्री कल्पनाथ राय) : (क) से (ग) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जायेगी ।